

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

Three Oaks Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 1st Vice President Dave Albers was absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 14 departments represented with 49 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$123.00 and \$70/35 for the 50/50.

The April minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chief Knisely with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The April treasurer's report was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$2,949.86 and the money market is \$8,738.87 for a total of 11,687.87. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- Smart 9-1-1, RAVE Facility, and B-WARN have been made available and more information can be found on the BCFA website

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- Disaster loan program up to \$250k. Reports are still valid for 300 days of long term recovery by calling 2-1-1 with needs from the flood.
- B-Warn are a way the Sheriff Dept. can give out information on news, weather, and alerts to the public. Sign up and stay informed.
- Lakeland Watervliet exercise on May 23rd, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. They are in need of volunteers to help as patients. Anyone interested may contact Tammy at tyeager@lakelandhealth.org

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is May 16th, at 06:30 p.m.
- 800 MHz Pager/Radio Grant failed for 2017 and will be updated and resubmitted for 2018.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- Keep on working on those landing zone presite locations in your area.

EMS:

- Warm zones – Acting Medical conditions-EMS strike force in the near future.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Benton Harbor Public Safety using 800MHz for fire paging and radio communications.
- Saint Joseph Public Safety has purchased two 800MHz pagers.

Training Committee: Chris Burks

- FF1&2 testing May 10th for written and May 12th for practical.
- Approximately 40 students testing.
- Still need proctors and helpers for the practical day.
- FF1&2 Graduation June 5th at the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Fire Station at 6:30 p.m.
- Drivers Training, Train-the-Trainer at Berrien Springs-Oronoko FD on June 8th&9th. It's a free class and register on SMOKE.
- Driver Training being offered by the Benton Harbor DPS on May 5th. Go to SMOKE to register.
- Working on getting the Forcible Entry Door prop out to departments. Will roll out in the coming months. It will be on display, along with the Digital FF Prop at the August FF Association meeting at the fairgrounds.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Updates and pictures needed.
- The website at mi-bcfa.org has a lot of information on trainings and announcements.

HazMat: Corey Burks-Dave Albers

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Audit committee's 2017 report was read and a motion to approve the report and pay the Sec/Tre Dennis Graham for 2017 was made by John Vollman and with the support from Chief Klaer, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Announcements:

- Come support John Rydwelski on May 20th from 2-7 p.m. at the Buchanan City fire station for a spaghetti dinner fund raiser!
- All you can Fish Fry Sat. May 5th, 3-8 p.m. Buchanan Twp. Fire station.
- Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast on May 20th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- New Buffalo Twp. Open house May 20th, 2-5 p.m.

Host Chief David Flick thanked everyone for a good attendance for the dinner and thanked his crew for their help. Our program tonight was by Pro Safety Innovations about AED's on Fire Apparatus and Active Threat bags.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Burks and supported by Joseph Dyniensi. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:04 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on June 6th, 2018
Watervliet Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**